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BEGIN SUMMARY: PRESIDENT NIMEIRI MAY 15 APPOINTED JAMAL MOHAMMED AHMED AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ABDEL MAJID IMAM AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND OTHERS TO LESSER POSTS. CONTINUITY OF POLICIES APPEARS TO BE INDICATED BY MOVES. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI MAY 15 ISSUED REPUBLICAN DECREE UPGRADING STATUS OF JAMAL MOHAMMED AHMED FROM MINISTER OF STATE TO MINISTER. NO NEW MIN STATE APPOINTED. PRESIDENT ALSO APPOINTED ABDEL MAJID IMAM, ONE-TIME HIGH COURT JUDGE AND MOST RECENTLY PRIVATE LAWYER, AS NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL, REPLACING DR. ZAKI MUSTAFA, WHOSE DISMISSAL HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED MAY 13. MUSTAFA BECOMES "ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LAW REVIEW AND REFORM AFFAIRS" AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF NEWLY CONSTITUTED "SUDANESE-SAUDI JOINT AUTHORITY FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF RED SEA WEALTH." LATTER ORGANIZED DURING SAUDI MINISTER AHMED YAMANI'S BRIEF VISIT HERE MAY 10-11.

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2. OTHER PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED MAY 15 INCLUDE

DR. AMIN ABU SINEINA, FORMERLY HEAD OF GOS MISSION IN GENEVA, AS DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY; ABBAS AHMED AL-SAYED, FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL REFORM CORPORATION, AS CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CORPORATION; AND DR. ALI HASSAN MAHMOUD, FORMERLY DIRECTOR, ANIMAL PRODUCTION DEPT, MIN AGRICULTURE, AS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NEWLY-CREATED ANIMAL PRODUCTION CORPORATION.

3. EMBASSY HAS REPORT FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT THREE ADDITIONAL UNDER SECRETARIES WILL BE APPOINTED IN MIN OF INDUSTRY (FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES GIVEN IN PARENTHESES): (PLANNING) MOHAMMED SANHOURI YOUSIF, FORMERLY DEP DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION; (GOS PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION) ABDALLAHI TABIN BAKR, BROTHER OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER AND KNOWN TO BE CLOSE NIMEIRI FRIEND; AND (FINANCING) ALI ABDEL HAMID, FORMERLY DIRECTOR, LEATHER AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS CORP. INCUMBENT UNDER SEC, ABDALLAH MOHAMED FADLALLA, CONTINUES IN OFFICE.

4. COMMENT: AHMED IS COMPETENT TECHNICIAN WHO HAS EARNED NIMEIRI'S CONFIDENCE IN RUNNING FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE FONMIN KHALID'S DISMISSAL. HIS APPOINTMENT IMPLIES CONTINUITY OF POLICY AND REPRESENTS EASY WAY FOR NIMEIRI AVOID POSSIBLE ADVERSE RAMIFICATIONS OF BRINGING IN OUTSIDER. MUSTAFA'S TRANSFER PROBABLY REFLECTS BOTH CRITICISM OF HIS ALLEGED CORRUPTION AS WELL AS HIS PAST CLOSENESS TO EX-FONMIN. IT REMOVES FROM KEY LEGAL POST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, MAY HAVE PLAYED SOMEWHAT DUPLICITOUS ROLE IN RELEASE KHARTOUM MURDERERS YEARS AGO. HIS REPLACEMENT REPORTEDLY IS RESPECTED LEGAL AUTHORITY. FINALLY, APPOINTMENTS IN MININDUSTRY AND CHANGES IN PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANY BOTH ARE INDICATIVE OF MININDUSTRY SULIMAN'S INFLUENCE AND GOS DESIRE MORE CLOSELY COORDINATE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS WITH OVERALL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES (KHARTOUM 1067).
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